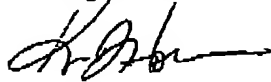


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Claims 1-8 and 13-24 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 7, 2002, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the invention drawn to the Group II claims, i.e., Claims 9-12. This election is made without prejudice to Applicants' ability to file one or more divisional applications directed toward the inventions of the other claims, i.e., Claims 1-8 and 13-24.

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